GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2417
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006
DAMAGE TO OIL PIPELINES IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ULFA terrorists have exploded the main pipelines of oil due to which supply of crude oil to many refineries in Assam has been obstructed;

(b) if so, the details thereof, during the last three years and current year;

(c) the extent of damage caused to refineries by these activities; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for the safety of main pipeline of oil and oil refineries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) There have been 5 incidents of blasts in the main crude oil pipelines of Oil India Limited (OIL) during the last 3 years and in the current year in Assam by suspected ULFA terrorists. Although, there were temporary disruptions in transportation of crude oil, there was no shortfall in supply of crude oil to the refineries in Assam. Details are at Annex.

(c) There has been no damage to the refineries due to the incidents mentioned above in para (a) and (b).

(d) The following steps have been taken to enhance safety of main pipelines of oil and oil refineries:

i) Monitoring, control and operational aspects on real time basis with the state-of-the-art SCADA system.

ii) Increased surveillance along the pipelines including aerial surveillance.

iii) Involvement of Government authorities and coordination with various agencies concerned regarding security aspects.

iv) Increased involvement of local police / CISF / CRPF / Army.

v) Proper illumination in and around the installations including oil refineries.

vi) Onshore security coordination committee meeting convened by DGP, Assam regularly to review security position with oil companies.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2417 BY SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.08.2006 REGARDING `DAMAGE TO OIL PIPELINES IN ASSAM`.

Sl.No.	Dated & Year	Location/Place (remarks,if any)	Segment Affected	Restored on
1.	20.03.2004 (2003.04)	Vill. Ratanpuria P.S.Amguri Dist. Sivsagar, Assam	PL Km. 101.5	23.03.2004
2.	15.07.2004 (2004.05)	Mahananda-I Rly. Bridge at Porajhar Village, Bhaktinagar P.S. Dist. Jalpaiguri, West Bengal	PL Km. 827.7	19.07.2004
3.	10.03.2005 (2004-05)	Jorari, Kathalbari village, near Amguri, Dist. Sivsagar,Assam (There was damages to the pipelines but no rupture. The	PL Km. 103 Repair deferred for operational reasons and done on 07.04.2006	

		pumping was continued).		
4.	10.03.2005 (2004-05)	Deka Gaon, Dist, Jorhat, Assam (There was damages to the pipelines but no rupture. The pumping was continued).	PL Km.190.6	Repair deferred for operational reasons and done on 11.04.2005
5.	06.08.2005 (2004-05)	Bakchu Konwar Gaon, Cherekapar P.S. Dist, Sibsagar, Assam.	PL Km. 74.74	Temporary Restoration done on 08.08.2005. HDD completed on 07.04.2006.